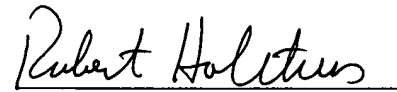


**Remarks**

Currently pending in the application are claims 1-6 and 9-10. Claims 1-6 and 9-10 have been amended. Claims 7-8 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 and 9-10 are patentable and are in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request all pending claims be allowed and that the application pass to issuance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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